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Attached for your retention is a copy of a report relating to the  
production program of ammunition at Povazske Strojarne, Povazska Bystrica  
under the first Five Year Plan.

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**POVAZSKE STROJARNE, National Corporation:**  
**PRODUCTION of INFANTRY- and PISTOL- AMMUNITION, and of ARTILLERY CARTRIDGE-CASINGS**

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The attached correspondence refers to the production-program of the POVAZSKE STROJARNE, based on contracts placed by the M.N.O. (Ministry of National Defence).

**APPENDIX "A":** Production-program of the POVAZSKE STROJARNE, for infantry-ammunition, during the first 5-year plan, based on M.N.O.-contracts. (MNO-contracts only - Exports NOT accounted for).

**NOTE:** In May, 1949, the production of infantry-ammunition (7,92 MM) will be stepped up to 660,000 rounds per day, and the production of pistol-ammunition (6,35 MM, 7,65 MM, and 9 MM) which at present is only 100,000 rounds per day, is to be increased to 2/3 of the total rate of infantry-ammunition production.  
 1949-program does not include 1948-backlog.

**APPENDIX "B":** Total production-program of the POVAZSKE STROJARNE, for infantry- and pistol-ammunition during 1949, broken down for individual months, showing also orders placed for 1948 and 1948-backlogs which are included in the 1949 production-plan. This schedule is based on MNO-Orders as well as on Export-Orders.

**APPENDIX "C":** Production-program of the POVAZSKE STROJARNE, for artillery cartridge-casings, during 1949, based on M.N.O.-contracts.

**NOTE:** The "Liaison-Office" ("Spojovaci Kancelar") in PRAGUE II., Smeky # 31, has the task of negotiating contracts between the "SLOVAK METAL-WORKING & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PLANTS" ("Kovarske a Strjarske Zavody na Slovensku") and relevant customers.

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APPENDIX "A"

Ministry of National Defence

Ref.No. 52320 T II/3.eddel.1948

Production-program of infantry-ammunition,  
during the first 5-year plan.

14 August, 1948.

POVAZSKA STROJARNE,

POVAZSKA BYSTRICA.

Attached please find the production-program for the manufacture of infantry-ammunition during the first 5-year plan, which is forwarded to you for use by your planning-department. In addition to targets laid down in this program, an increase of the production by 1/3, beginning from 1950 is expected on the strength of the super-plan<sup>2</sup>, which with you will be notified later.

This production-plan is notified to you under the condition that it will be brought to the notice of only the most limited number of persons in the plant, after consultation <sup>with</sup> your security-officer. Production-managers will be notified of only the necessary short-term targets. In addition, the security-officer of your plant will keep a check on all persons who have been notified of this plan. Detailed items are contained in the "Requirements-Schedule" ("Vyjva") for 1949, which will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Staff Capt. SMIA m.p.

For the Minister:

Col. Ing. BOSTAL, m.p.

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Encl. to Ref.No. 52320 T II/3 eddel.1948.

PROGRAM FOR INFANTRY-AMMUNITION CONTRACTS, DURING THE 1st 5-YEAR PLAN:

Ser. No.	Ammunition	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	7,62 MM ball-cartridge, pistol	5,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
2	7,65 MM ball-cartridge, pistol	0,15	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05
3	7,92 MM ball-cartridge, Mark 47, on clips.	38,5	16,0	16,0	16,0	16,0
4	9 MM ball-cartridge, pistol, Mk. 08	44,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0
5	7,92 MM ball-cartridge, tracer	4,5	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0
6	7,92 MM reduction ball-cartridge for MG Mk. 26 & 37.	0,75	0,75	0,75	0,75	0,75
7	7,92 MM blank-cartridge for pistol and MG Mk. 34 & 42M (clips)	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5
8	7,92 MM blank-cartridge for MG's Mark 26 and 37	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5	3,5

NOTE: All figures in Millions.

Ad/ Ser.No's 1,3,4,5: Apprex.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of total quantity with tembac-plated ball.  
 Ad/ Ser.No. 3: Apprex. 15% with iron-cartridge-casing.  
 Ad/ Ser.No. 7: Apprex. 2,5 with iron cartridge-casing.

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APPENDIX 1

2215/Kr/Fia.

Planning of infantry- and  
pistol-ammunition production.

Prague, 19 January, 1949.

With reference to our discussion with your gentlemen, Lt. Col. DOSTAL and Major NOVACEK, please receive the enclosed schedule of our production-program for 1949, of infantry- and pistol-ammunition.

This summary accounts for the settlement of the following contracts:

- a/ Orders for 1948 - according to program.
- b/ Orders for 1948 - supplementary program.
- c/ Estimated Orders for 1949.

On this occasion, we are also including our export production-program in this schedule, for your information, to the extent of orders already received, which we have planned out for each separate month. In drawing up this production schedule, we have borne in mind our promise, given in the course of negotiations conducted with regard to the approbation of our export-contracts, to adhere to the delivery-terms laid down, and to expedite all orders for 1949 not later than by the end of that year.

We should, however, like to draw your attention to the fact that the fulfilment of this program largely depends on a number of conditions which we shall place before you during the next days, after the conclusion of relevant discussions to take place in POVAZSKA BYSTRICA. This concerns especially the necessary reconstruction-work to be carried out in objects of the Ammunition-Plant, i.e. to transfer the auxiliary workshops into the main production-compound, to carry out repairs of machinery according to plan, etc.

In forwarding this preliminary information, we remain

Yours faithfully

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Encl. of letter 2215/Kr/Fia., dated 19 Jan 1949.

**TOTAL SEE STRAWMAN: INFANTRY- and PISTOL- AMMUNITION PRODUCTION-SCHEDULE (1949)**

Ammunition	Year	Quantity ordered	Expedited in 1948	Production-program for 1949:											
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7,92 MM Mark 47 with brass cartridge-casings:	48	15,5	15,5												
	48 8	25,5	1,0	6	4,5	7	7								
	49	32,5								5	6	6	6	6	3,5
7,92 MM Mark 47 with iron cartridge-casings:	48	-													
	48 8	2,0							2,0						
	49	6,0											3	3	
7,92 MM armor-pierc. with brass cartridge-casings:	48	-													
	48 8	1,05					1,05								
	49	-													
7,92 MM tracer (luminous) with brass cartridge-casings:	48	0,4													
	48 8	2,0					1	1							
	49	4,5							1	0,5	1	1	1		
7,5 MM short with brass cartridge-casings:	48	0,5	0,5												
	48 8	-													
	49	0,5					0,5								
7,92 MM Mark 47 with brass cartridge-casings <b>EXPORT ONLY !</b>	Exp.	20,0	5,0	1	7	7									
	Exp.	4,1		4,1											
	Exp. Estimated Export:						5	13	12	4	10	10	10	9	9
7,92 MM reduction with brass cartridge-casings:	48	1,5					1,5								
	48 8	-													
	49	0,75						0,75							

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Ammunition	Year	Quantity ordered	Expedited in 1948	Production-program for 1949:												
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
7,92 MM blank, with brass and iron-cartridge-casings	48	8,5	3,0			2,5			3							
	48 S	-														
	49	7,0								2,0	2,5	2,5				
7,62 MM pistol, with brass cartridge-casings	48	4,0	4,0													
	48 S	9,0		5	4											
	49	5,5			1	4,5										
9 MM pistol, with brass and iron-cartridge-casings	48	2,0	1,0			1,0										
	48 S	12,0					6	6								
	49	44,0							6	4	7	7	7	7	6	

NOTE: "48 S" in the "Year"-column denotes "SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM" for 1948.

All figures denote quantity in MILLIONS.

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Metal-Working and Mechanical  
Engineering Plants of Slovakia,  
Liaison-Office.

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Smocky 31.

Reference:  
2160/Kr.

Your letter:  
7.1.1949.

Our ref:  
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Date:  
27.1.1949.

Production-program for artillery cartridge-casings, in 1949.

We acknowledge receipt of your above-quoted letter and we enclose a copy of our quotation for delivery of artillery cartridge-casings in 1949, as requested by MNO, for your information. The delivery-schedule, forwarded to us under cover of your above-quoted letter, fully agrees with MNO requirements, and we have engaged ourselves to adhere to this plan under the provision that the production-program will not be submitted to further changes. In the production of 88 MM steel cartridge-casings there will, however, be a certain delay until the third month, as compared with your calculation, because of the low capacity of our benderization-installation, which will cause a temporary slow-down of our production.

In addition to producing iron artillery cartridge-casings, we have even already begun with the manufacture of brass cartridge-casings for anti-tank cannons (PTK) Mk.40 M, of which we have stamped out about 25,000 rounds. It is our aim to get ahead of schedule during the first months of 1949, in view of the rather high target set for the second half of 1949. In the event that all cartridge-casings produced during the first half of 1949 would have to be stocked up in POVAZSKA BYSTRICA until the 5th month, we would have extreme difficulties in providing enough storage-space to accommodate the total quantity produced (88 MM steel cartridge-casings, and anti-tank cannon (PTK), or as the case may be - tank gun (TK) cartridge casings). We should therefore be very obliged if you would arrange with the MNO and mainly with the SEDDA-Works, for the cartridge-casings to be shipped at an earlier date than provided in the delivery-plan.

Cartridges for the 76 MM infantry cannon (PK) Mk.27S adding up to the required total of 10,120 rounds have already been delivered by us. We shall discuss further details on the occasion of your next visit to POVAZSKA BYSTRICA. The price for the increased quantity of 75 MM brass cartridge-casings Mk for the tank-cannon (TK) Mk.40M, has, in view of the quantity, been slightly corrected in the calculation of wages.

We have noted your information concerning the urgent need of 50,000 brass 76 MM cartridge-casings for mountain-cannons and we shall do our utmost to deliver 25,000 until the 30th of April, and further 25,000 until the 31st of May, 1949. Also here, we are confronted with great difficulties, especially in the production of tools.

In forwarding the above information we remain

Yours faithfully

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